

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

A pattern segmentation apparatus and a pattern recognition apparatus can improve the segmentation precision of a character touching pattern. The pattern segmentation apparatus includes a feature amount extraction unit for extracting the feature amount of an image, a feature amount setting unit for setting the feature amount of a category, a feature amount comparison unit for comparing the feature amount of the category with the feature amount of the image, and a segmentation unit for segmenting a portion corresponding to the feature amount of the category from the image based on the comparison result.

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